

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 29

\$6 Million in Stimulus Funds Awarded to Hillary Clinton's Campaign Pollster

- Two firms run by Mark Penn, current Secretary of state Clinton's former presidential campaign pollster, received a total of \$5.97 million in taxpayer funds from the Democrats' Stimulus.
- Burson-Marsteller, a public-relations and communications firm run by Penn, received the funding to advertise the analog-to-digital television switch in 2008, reportedly saving 3 jobs at the firm. Of the \$5.97 million, \$2.8 million was also allocated to Penn's campaign polling company, Penn, Schoen & Berland.
- Thus, at the end of the day, taxpayers spent nearly \$6 million to save 3 jobs for Hillary Clinton's pollster.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not be spent on campaign pollsters. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>

Sources:

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/71353-mark-penn-got-6-million-from-stimulus>

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